



Neighborhood News

Quarterly Neighborhood Update - Fall 2014

Cy on Tour Through Dec. 5

Twenty-nine life-sized statues of Cy, Iowa State University's mascot, have been located throughout Ames. CyclONE City, as the project is called, was founded by Leadership Ames Class XXVII as a fundraiser to support local Ames charities and create a student scholarship to attend ISU. The project capitalizes on the strong town and gown relationship Ames has with ISU.

Each of the statues was purchased by a sponsor and decorated by an artist. The City assisted with location and placement of the statues.

All proceeds will benefit Mainstream Living, Youth & Shelter Services, Emergency Residence Project, and a student scholarship to attend ISU for an Ames resident.

The statues will be on "tour" through Dec. 5, and some of the statues will be available for auction at a later date.

For more information on the project and to view a map of all Cy locations, visit www.cyclonecityames.com.



Protect and Serve Cy, sponsored by the Ames Police Benevolent Association, is one of the 29 Cy statues currently on "tour" in Ames. The statue faces Sixth Street on the northeast side of City Hall, 515 Clark Ave.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct. 21:** Neighborhood Summit
- Oct. 25, Nov. 8 & 15, Dec. 6:** Yard Waste Free Days
- Oct. 31:** Trick-or-Treat Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 4:** Election Day
- Dec. 17:** Platting Day

Neighborhood Summit is Oct. 21

Neighbors are invited to join Ames Mayor Ann Campbell and the City Council at the annual Neighborhood Summit scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 515 Clark Ave. The Neighborhood Summit is one component of the Council's goal of promoting strong neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Summits are an opportunity to promote communication between local government and residents, groups, and neighborhood associations. Speakers from City departments will discuss current programs and initiatives.

Participants will interact with members of the City Council in a roundtable setting to discuss neighborhood initiatives and give feedback and ideas for new programs.

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- Nov. 11:** Veterans Day
- Nov. 27 & 28:** Thanksgiving
- Dec. 25 & 26:** Christmas
- Jan. 1, 2015:** New Year's Day

Oak-to-Riverside Neighborhood Gathers for Picnic, Ribbon Cutting

Submitted by Debra Lee, Neighborhood Resident

Residents of the Oak-to-Riverside neighborhood gathered for their 20th annual potluck picnic on Aug. 23. They were joined by several elected city, county, and state representatives and city staff members who were there to celebrate the CDBG-funded reconstruction of South Maple Avenue.

Several projects and situations unfolding within the community that may impact the neighborhood were discussed, as follows:

- Future ownership of the Story County Community Life facilities on South Hazel Avenue. Given changes associated with new state legislation, Story County will no longer be able to manage the residential and administrative facilities. Determination of new management/ownership is currently in progress.

- Plans for construction of two 4-story apartment buildings along Squaw Creek on the current Riverside Manor nursing home property. If you have questions about this project, please contact the Ames Planning Department at 515.239.5400. If you have concerns regarding this project, please contact City Council members.

- Rehabilitation of Lincoln Way street surface between Oak Avenue and the Squaw Creek bridge is planned for summer 2015. Please contact Rudy Koester, Civil Engineer II, at 515.239.5245, or rkoester@city.ames.ia.us, with questions or concerns regarding access during the project.

- The neighborhood plans to pursue installation of a swing set, including a baby swing, at O'Neil Park.

- Concerns still exist regarding the uncontrolled intersections in the north portion of the neighborhood. This issue has been referred from the City Council to city staff. The neighborhood has requested an update from city staff regarding the status of this request.

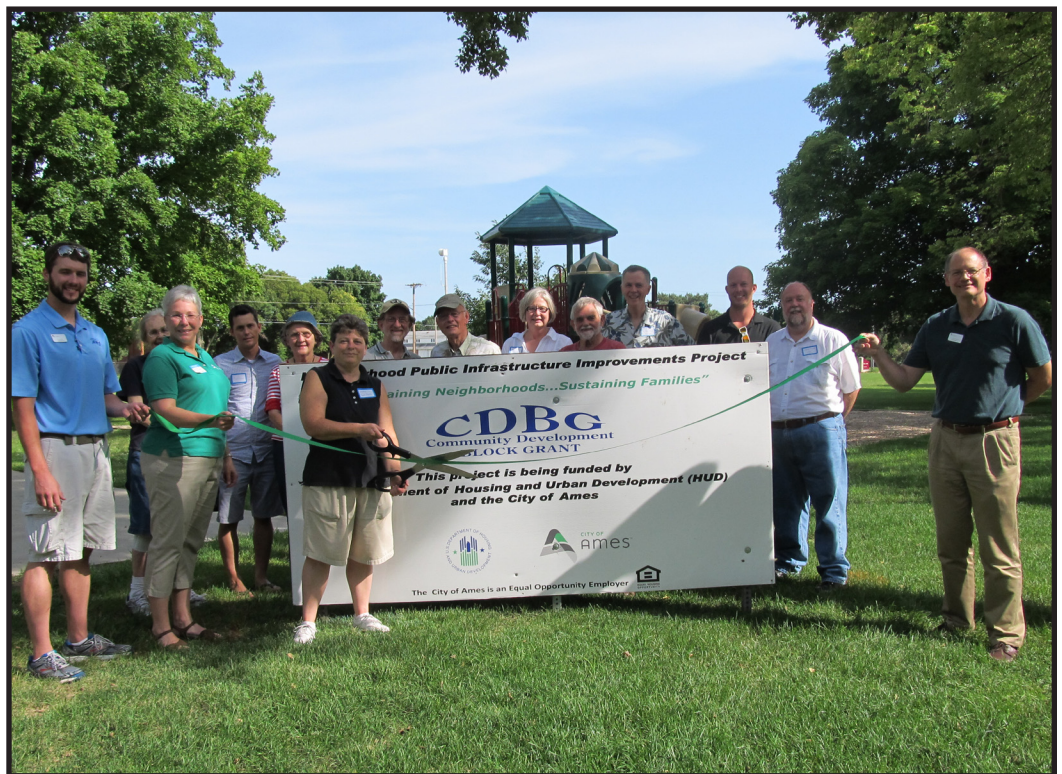
- Discussions regarding revisions to the city Land Use Policy Plan (LUPP) will soon begin. The LUPP establishes

the vision for future land use within our community. If land use is of personal interest to you, now is the time to participate!

Enfolded in the LUPP revision will be conversations about improvements to the "Lincoln Way Corridor." Lincoln Way runs completely through Ames and is thus an important "face" presented to residents and visitors. Be prepared to provide your thoughts regarding potential changes to Lincoln Way within the Oak-to-Riverside neighborhood and beyond.

- If you are interested in Squaw Creek, and flood mitigation in particular, learn more about the Squaw Creek Watershed Management Authority at <http://www.storycountyia.gov/Index.aspx?NID=1083>

- The citywide sanitary sewer survey is nearing completion. The Public Works Department is already working on prioritization of infrastructure improvements based on the survey results. If you are interested in learning more, contact Eric Cowles, Civil Engineer II, at 515.239.5277, or ecowles@city.ames.ia.us, or Tracy Warner, Municipal Engineer, at 515.239.5163, or twarner@city.ames.ia.us.



A public ribbon cutting was held Aug. 23, at O'Neil Park, 300 S. Maple Ave. The ribbon cutting was to celebrate the reconstruction of South Maple Avenue from South Fourth Street to approximately 125 feet south of South Second Street. The project was part of the Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Program and 2013/14 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

Several City Councilmembers, state elected officials, City staff, neighborhood residents and community members participated in the event.

Habitat House Under Construction in Old Town



A new Habitat for Humanity home is under construction in the Old Town Historic District.

Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa and Associated Builders & Contractors of Iowa have teamed up to build an accessible house for two quadriplegics. The house is located in the 800 block of Duff Avenue in the Old Town Historic District. The project has the neighborhood association very energized as it is uncommon to be building a new home in this historic district. The previous structure on the site was destroyed by fire a few years ago, thus creating an available lot within the district.

This project is unique in a couple of ways. One, because the home is for two disabled individuals, the entire structure will be handicap accessible. Two, being located within the Old Town Historic District, the home is being built to historic standards in accordance with Chapter 31 of the City Code.

Once the house is move-in ready, which should be later this fall, a house dedication will be held. The entire community will be welcome at this celebration, when the homeowners will be given keys to their new home.

REnewed Library Now Open

The wait is finally over! Ames Public Library reopened its doors at the renewed library on Sunday, Sept. 14. For more than a year and a half, Ames Public Library operated out of a temporary space while the building at 515 Douglas Ave. was expanded and completely renovated.

Stop in to see the renewed building, discover new features and services, and, of course, check out some books. Try the new media box, a big vending machine filled with popular video games, movies, and music for free checkout. Visit the Youth Services Area and look for the kid-sized entry, the tree in the Storytime Room, and the Little Theater. Enjoy the many comfortable spaces on the new second floor. Explore the renovated 1904 and 1940 sections of the building, which house four meeting rooms and the new Heritage Room; and more!

For more information about the Library, visit www.amespubliclibrary.org.



Free Yard Waste Days in October, November & December

In response to resident requests, Yard Waste Free Days will be held on a revised schedule this year. In addition to extending free days longer into the season, the new days avoid conflicts with Iowa State University home football games.

Four free Saturdays have been scheduled to dispose of your leaves: Oct. 25, Nov. 8 (includes brush), Nov. 15, and Dec. 6 at Chamness Technology, 26107 530th Ave. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To get to the site, travel south on University Boulevard and continue along the gravel road for almost two miles. The yard waste site is located on the west side of the road. (University Boulevard becomes 530th Street.)

Changes Ahead for Chapter 31

Preserving identified historic buildings, especially in neighborhoods where they are concentrated, is a way to preserve quality of life in neighborhoods. Chapter 31 of the Municipal Code pertains to Historic Preservation Districts in Ames. The City Council has directed the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and staff to update Chapter 31 to reflect current preservation practices and sustainability trends, along with simplifying and clarifying the regulations.

Currently, Ames has one Local Historic District (Old Town Historic District), and three Local Historic Landmarks. Adopted design guidelines in Chapter 31 apply to "Old Town" and the designated Historic Landmarks, as well as to any future local historic districts or landmarks established by the City Council.

Staff plans to present proposed revisions for public input at the Oct. 13 HPC meeting and to the City Council in November. For more information, follow the link at "What's New" on the Planning Division home page on the City of Ames website.



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Trick-or-Treat Night is Oct. 31

Beware of witches, goblins, ghosts, and other creatures who will be roaming Ames! The annual Trick-or-Treat night will be Friday, Oct. 31, with suggested hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



**Happy
Halloween**

Have an idea? We want to hear!

Submit your own story ideas for Neighborhood News. Neighborhood News articles or ideas may be submitted for publication by Ames residents.

To submit information for Neighborhood News via email: printern@city.ames.ia.us.

Neighborhood News

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